110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. 468

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 6, 2007

Mr. Patrick J. Murphy of Pennsylvania submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas every American citizen has the right to participate in government;
- Whereas every American citizen constitutionally eligible to vote should not ever have that right abridged;
- Whereas members of the Armed Forces have served bravely and heroically in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas the stresses of these conflicts has led to multiple and extended deployments for many members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas modern technology has made it possible to actively participate in government proceedings without being in physical attendance: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-2 resentatives that—

> (1) officials of local governments who are also members of the National Guard or Reserves and are deployed as part of their service in the Armed Forces maintain their rights while so deployed; and

> (2) local governments should make reasonable accommodations to protect the right of members of the Armed Forces who also serve as government officials to participate in governmental proceedings while so deployed.

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